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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
YASUKAZU NAKAKITA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: NAVARRO, A. M.  
SERIAL NO: 10/589,389 :  
FILED: JANUARY 17, 2007 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1645  
FOR: METHOD OF DETECTING AND :  
IDENTIFYING LACTIC ACID  
BACTERIUM

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed August 29, 2008 Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II: Claim 2 drawn to primers for detecting L. hexosus.

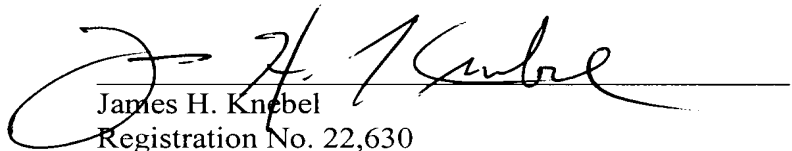
Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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